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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 18  
**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL  
CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON ITS NINETIETH  
BIRTHDAY AND PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 14, 2010 "LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the league of women voters was founded on  
February 14, 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt just six months before  
the nineteenth amendment to the United States constitution was  
ratified, giving women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the league of women voters began as a "mighty  
political experiment" designed to help twenty million women  
carry out their new responsibilities as voters; and

WHEREAS, August 26, 2010 will mark the ninetieth  
anniversary of women's suffrage in the nation; and

WHEREAS, sixty years ago, in October 1949, the league of  
women voters of New Mexico was formed; and

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1           WHEREAS, since that time, the league of women voters of  
2 New Mexico has been an active partner in the league of women  
3 voters of the United States and is proud to have New Mexico  
4 resident Mary Wilson currently serving as president of that  
5 league; and

6           WHEREAS, the league of women voters has encouraged  
7 millions of women to carry out their responsibilities as voters  
8 by conducting candidate forums and by publishing voter guides  
9 that allow candidates for public office to present their views  
10 in a nonpartisan environment; and

11           WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to research  
12 and study current issues from all sides in order to build  
13 consensus within the league and to assist Americans and New  
14 Mexicans to be informed by presenting information on issues of  
15 vital concern to the public; and

16           WHEREAS, the league of women voters has further helped its  
17 members to engage in nonpartisan political action to shape  
18 public policy in agreement with its adopted positions; and

19           WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to advocate  
20 for responsible and responsive government at all levels and for  
21 the general welfare of the residents of New Mexico and the  
22 nation;

23           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the league of women voters be  
25 congratulated on its ninetieth birthday and that February 14,

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1 2010 be proclaimed "League of Women Voters Day" in the  
2 legislature; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to Mary Wilson, president of the league of women  
5 voters of the United States, and to Katherine Campbell,  
6 president of the league of women voters of New Mexico.

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